

**Harrison County, Names Derived from Poll Book, New Salisbury, Indiana,
November 8, 1864**

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On Tuesday, November 8, 1864, more than 200 white, adult males gathered in New Salisbury, Indiana, to vote for president of the United States.¹ Incumbent Abraham Lincoln was running against Democratic candidate George B. McClellan. At that time, state and local governments did not print the paper ballots used for voting. Instead, each political party printed its own ballot and listed only those candidates which it supported. This system made it difficult to vote a split ticket or to vote secretly. Additionally, ballots could be designed in ways to deceive the voter as to which candidate he was selecting.²

After a voter selected the proper ballot, completed it, and placed it into a locked ballot box, an office clerk recorded the name of the voter in the official poll book. These poll books give us the official record of all who voted on a particular date at a particular location. Poll books can be extremely useful to family historians, though surviving copies are somewhat rare. They can be used to identify groups of men who share the same last name and to find recorded names of individuals who were not counted in state or federal censuses. Some historians estimate that the number of individuals missing from the 1860 census records, for example, may be around 15 percent.³ Surviving poll books may be held by a local or state historical society, library, or archive.

The New Salisbury poll book, part of the collections of the Indiana Historical Society's William H. Smith Memorial Library, is particularly interesting. Not only was this a general election during the Civil War, but it took place only sixteen months after the Confederate Army, led by John Hunt Morgan, roared through Harrison County, burning and pillaging towns as Union forces pursued them. New Salisbury is located directly in the path that Morgan's Raiders traveled

between their sacking of Corydon and Salem, Indiana.⁴ Voters listed in this poll book may well have had that event on their minds as they gathered to vote on this particular November day in 1864.⁵ Names from the poll book are transcribed below.

Notes

1. New Salisbury (Indiana) Poll Book, 1864, SC2507, William H. Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.
2. William L. Bird, Jr., "Vote: The Machinery of Democracy," Smithsonian National Museum of American History, <http://americanhistory.si.edu/vote/paperballots.html>, accessed November 23, 2011.
3. Donald A. DeBats, "Hide and Seek: The Historian and Nineteenth-Century Social Accounting," *Social Science History* 15, no. 4 (Winter 1991): 556.
4. Historic Hoosier Hills RC & D, "John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail," <http://www.hhhills.org/John-Hunt-Morgan.html>, accessed December 6, 2011.
5. George T. Blakey, "Morgan's Raid: Childhood Memories of the Civil War in Indiana," *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History* 17, no. 4 (Fall 2005): 24–33.

Voters in Harrison County General Election, 1864

Myers, James	Davis, Dennis	Emily, James
Crawford, Jonathan	Peter, Nicholas S.	Flock, George
Crawford, Marquis D. T.	Hubbird, Andrew J.	Troutman, Martin
Davis, George W.	Davis, Fountain	Winn, Wm. M.
Mulvana, Samuel	Roberts, Aaron	Lahue, John
Flock, Benjamin	Roudenbush, Jacob, Sr.	Sigler, Alferd
Flock, Abraham	Valz, John	Cluny, Robert
Weyard, Wm. H.	Hansel, Adam	Draper, Wm.
Flock, Christian	Gresham, Jesse H.	Bersht, Philip
Rusk, Robert S.	Speak, Wm. H.	Crayden, Caleb
Roberts, Wm.	Rudill, Wm.	Ramsey, Samuel
Hurst, Nimrod M.	Roudenbush, Jacob, Jr.	Wright, Wm. W.
Kepley, George M.	Shesten, John	Harbaugh, John
Welker, John W.	Roudenbush, John	Lahue, Cornelius

Marshall, John W.
Alexander, David C.
Marshall, Colmour L.
Heins, Henry
Starr, James W.
Houp, Conrad
Flock, Jacob
Stevens, Thomas
Crandell, Ira
Walter, Jacob
Markwell, Joseph
Crandall, Sylvester
Lindsey, Elkaner
Eaton, James
Walk, Andrew J.
Wolf, John C.
Bringle, David H.
McCully, George W.
Walk, Joseph A.
Conrad, Aaron
Linder, Archibald
Jenkins, Jonathan
Walk, Martin V.
Evans, James
Hull, John
Cook, John
Sibert, Wm. W.
Hurst, Francis M.
Walker, Joel
McCoy, Absalum
Dwese, George W.
Stevens, Charles F.
Frederick, John
Stevens, Nanthan W.
Fite, John S.
Moss, Gustavus
Hiser, John J.
Hiser, Jacob
Bill, Jacob, Sr.
Heints, Conrad
Byrn, Dennis L.

Reap, Philip
Berkshire, John A.
Potter, Harvey H.
Emily, John H.
Brubeck, Philip
Byrn, Andrew A.
Sapenfield, Henry
Moser, Franklin
Byrn, Ephraim
Lone, Jeremiah
Walk, Doctor F.
Hancock, Samuel W.
Conrad, John
Conrad, Joel W.
Dewese, Joseph
Wright, Newton
Yenawine, George M.
Levi, Abraham
Lahue, Jonathan J.
Conrad, Reuben J.
Shearer, John M.
Allstott, Wm.
Kepley, Solomon
Davis, Francis
Dobson, Henry
Dewese, David F.
Cahoe, Joseph
Sigler, Richard
Walk, Abraham
Strother, Amstead
Wagoner, Daniel
Merke, Andrew
Alexander, James
Eaton, Jesse
Conrad, Frederick
Lahue, Ganes
Penal, John W.
Wright, Francis
Lazier, John
Bersht, Jacob
Wright, John

Eskey, Thomas
Lindsey, Tarkington
Smith, Wm. B.
Boley, Wm. S.
Glotsbach, Volentine
Litch, Michael, Sr.
Long, John G.
Boston, Perry L.
Heints, Henry, Sr.
Shaver, David
Doer, Joseph
Potter, Johnson
Elwood, Jesse
Allen, John
Bell, John
Hiser, Jacob
Routh, Thomas
Byrn, Joel
Peyton, Andrew J.
Alk, A. J., Jr.
Lahue, Joseph
Crandall, Francis M.
Boughnoe, Andrew
Byrn, Daniel
Blankenbeker, Wm.
Myers, Simon
Evans, James P.
Seipp, Conrad
Bringle, Wm. L.
Avery, Jacob
Stierstetter, Peter
Noath, Andrew
Stam, Adam
Litch, Michael, Jr.
Roass, Peter
Leasongood, Casper
Hurst, Wm.
Dewese, Thomas B.
Byrn, Chauncy C.
Cartwright, Charles
Kepley, Dennis

Hiser, Conrad	Strather, Jackson	McCloud, Martin
Adam, Adam	Godfrey, Jacob	Kepley, Milroy
Hehn, Michael	Blume, Frederick	Byrn, Levi M.
Dyer, Hugh	Minch, Christopher	Coffman, Henry
Lone, James	Hurn, Jacob	Dome, Hiram A.
Kepley, John	Jenkins, George W.	Tembel, Lewis
Crandall, Cornelius	Hiser, George	Krackman, Philip
Cradall, Cyrus	Hilderbrand, Winsel	Hurn, Levi
Wolf, Peter W.	Holz, Francis	Mitchel, Wm. J.
Kesler, John	Hurst, Harbin G.	Lahue, Marshal
Armstrong, Archibald	Greiner, John F.	Herbert, Lewis
Felmy, Jacob M.	Hiser, Henry	Crandall, John
Heints, George	Somer, John	
Haup (?), Christopher	Mosser, Frederick	

Electors in Harrison County General Election, 1864

Pettit, John	Applegate, Jonathan C.	Sexton, Leonidas
Wolfe, Simeon K.	Osborne, J. G.	Claypool, Benjamin F.
Holcomb, Silas M.	Lowry, Robert	Wright, J. J.
Newland, Elijah	Sansberry, J. W.	Osborne, John
Carlton, Ambrose B.	Gooding, David S.	Davidson, R. P.
Wilson, Barton W.	Thompson, Richard W.	Belford, James B.
Brown, James	Denny, James C.	Dickinson, Timothy R.
Landers, Frank	Nixon, Cyrus T.	Wallace, John M.
Johnston, Archibald	Pritchard, Henry R.	